



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ronald Miller et al.

Assignee: Synopsys, Inc.

Title: DETAILED PLACER FOR OPTIMIZING HIGH DENSITY CELL
PLACEMENT IN A LINEAR RUNTIME

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments

Claims 78-120 are pending in the present application.
Claims 78-120 are allowed. Claims 58-65, 68-72, and 75-77 are
cancelled herein, thereby rendering the rejection of those
claims moot. Claims 1-57, 66-67, and 73-74 were previously
cancelled.

OK to enter
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